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SUBJ: 1967 REVISITED

1. WIDELY PUBLICIZED 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF DE GAULLE'S  
"VIVE LE QUEBEC LIBRE" SPEECH IN MONTREAL LAST EVENING DREW ONLY  
2000 PEOPLE TO APPROXIMATE SITE OF ORIGINAL DECLARATION. SPEECH  
GIVEN IN 1967 FROM BALCONY OF CITY HALL, WHICH OBVIOUSLY NOT MADE  
AVAILABLE FOR THIS OCCASION. FESTIVITIES HELD IN PARK ACROSS  
STREET.

2. SPONSORED BY THE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY, CELEBRATION  
INCLUDED READING OF COMPLETE TEXT OF DE GAULLE SPEECH BY POPULAR  
ACTOR GILLES PELLETIER AND COMMENTS BY MINISTERS CAMILLE LAURIN  
AND PIERRE-MARC JOHNSON. (LATTER IS SON OF LATE DANIEL JOHNSON  
WHO WAS UNION NATIONALE PREMIER OF QUEBEC AT TIME OF DE GAULLE  
VISIT.)

3. SPEECH ITSELF, ACCORDING TO MEDIA, DID NOT AROUSE SPECTACULAR  
ENTHUSIASM. LAURIN DID. HIS MERE APPEARANCE GENERATED WILD  
APPLAUSE, AS DID MANY OF HIS STATEMENTS RE THE INEVITABILITY OF  
FRENCH ASCENDANCY HERE. JOHNSON WAS RECEIVED CORDIALLY BUT  
WITH LESS FERVOR.

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4. COMMENT: NEAR-ADULATION OF LAURIN REFLECTS FEELINGS OF  
FRENCH QUEBECKERS WITH GREATEST SENSE OF "WE'VE BEEN PUT DOWN  
TOO LONG" -- I.E., CHIEFLY LOWER-MIDDLE TO LOWER INCOME GROUPS.  
RELATIVE SMALLNESS OF AUDIENCE, AFTER SUBSTANTIAL PUBLICITY OF  
EVENT, PROBABLY GREATER REFLECTION THAT PRIMACY OF LANGUAGE  
AND OTHER "INDEPENDENTIST" QUESTIONS ARE LESS IMPORTANT TO MOST

QUEBECKERS THAN BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES SUCH AS CURRENT UNEMPLOY-  
MENT RATE, WHICH IS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE. A RAINY EVENING  
MIGHT HAVE KEPT AWAY A FEW WHO HAD PLANNED ATTEND, BUT WEATHER  
WAS NOT BAD ENOUGH TO HAVE KEPT AWAY ANY REAL BELIEVERS. TWO  
THOUSAND "BELIEVERS" IN A CITY OF TWO MILLION IS NOT MANY.  
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